

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 – 9 and 15 – 26 as indicated in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing programming, the method comprising:

transmitting a first set of programs ~~segments~~ according to a schedule of programming;

storing a second set of programs ~~segments~~ on a server, at least one of the first set of programs ~~segments~~ having a counterpart in the second set of programs ~~segments~~, wherein the counterpart in the second set of programs is substantially identical to the at least one of the first set of programs;

maintaining a database that records user authorizations to programs ~~segments~~ on the server;

detecting a request from a user for control to manipulate progression of a particular program ~~segment~~ located on the server; and

determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program ~~segment~~ to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program ~~segment~~ to the user comprises:

identifying the particular program ~~segment~~; and

determining whether the particular program ~~segment~~ has a counterpart stored on the server.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user further comprises ascertaining whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular program **segment** from the server.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user comprises:

identifying the particular program **segment**; and

ascertaining whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular program **segment** from the server.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein detecting the request from the user for control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** of the particular program **segment** comprises receiving a wireless program-control request from a remote control.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising granting permanent control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6 wherein granting permanent control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user comprises storing the particular program **segment** on the server indefinitely.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6 wherein granting permanent control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user comprises granting permission to the user to copy the particular program **segment** from the server.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the particular program **segment** comprises one of a video program and an audio program.

10. – 14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing programming, the method comprising:

transmitting a first set of programs **segments** according to a schedule of programming;

storing a second set of programs **segments** on a server, at least one of the first set of programs **segments** having a counterpart in the second set of programs **segments**, wherein the counterpart in the second set of programs is substantially identical to the at least one of the first set of programs;

preauthorizing a user to have control to manipulate progression of programs **segments** on the server to establish a preauthorization scheme;

maintaining a database that records user authorizations to programs **segments** on the server;

detecting a request from a user for control to manipulate progression of a particular program **segment** located on the server; and

determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user in accordance with the preauthorization scheme.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing programming, the system comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit a first set of programs **segments** according to a program schedule;

a server configured to store a second set of programs **segments**, at least one of the first set of programs **segments** having a counterpart in the second set of programs **segments**,

wherein the counterpart in the second set of programs is substantially identical to the at least one of the first set of programs;

a database configured to record user authorizations to programs ~~segments~~ on the server;

a detector configured to detect a request from a user for control to manipulate progression of a particular program ~~segment~~; and

a control system in communication with the transmitter, the server, the database, and the detector, the control system being configured to operate the transmitter, the server, the database, and the detector to provide control to manipulate progression of programs ~~segments~~ on the server to the user in accordance with a predetermined authorization scheme.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16 wherein the control system is configured to identify the particular programs ~~segment~~ and to determine whether the particular programs ~~segment~~ has a counterpart stored on the server.

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17 wherein the control system is further configured to ascertain whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular programs ~~segment~~ from the server in accordance with the predetermined authorization scheme.

19. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16 wherein the control system is configured to identify the particular programs ~~segment~~ and to ascertain whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular program ~~segment~~ from the server in accordance with the predetermined authorization scheme.

20. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16 wherein the particular program ~~segment~~ comprises one of a video program and an audio program.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a computer-readable program embodied therein for directing operation of a programming-distribution system including a transmitter; a server; a database; a detector; and a control system configured to provide program control of programs ~~segments~~ on the server, the computer-readable program including instructions for operating the programming-distribution system in accordance with the following:

transmitting a first set of programs ~~segments~~ with the transmitter according to a schedule of programming;

storing a second set of programs ~~segments~~ on the server, at least one of the first set of programs ~~segments~~ having a counterpart in the second set of programs ~~segments~~, wherein the counterpart in the second set of programs is substantially identical to the at least one of the first set of programs;

maintaining on the database a record of user authorizations to programs ~~segments~~ on the server; and

detecting a request from a user for control to manipulate progression of a particular program ~~segment~~ located on the server.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 21 wherein the computer-readable program further includes instructions for operating the programming-distribution system in accordance with determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program ~~segment~~ to the user.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 22 wherein the instructions for operating the programming-distribution system in accordance with determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program ~~segment~~ to the user include:

instructions for identifying the particular program ~~segment~~; and

instructions for determining whether the particular program ~~segment~~ has a counterpart stored on the server.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 23 wherein the instructions for operating the programming-distribution system in accordance with determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user further include instructions for ascertaining whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular program **segment** from the server.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 21 wherein the particular program **segment** comprises one of a video program and an audio program.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 22 wherein the instructions for operating the programming-distribution system in accordance with determining whether to grant control to manipulate progression of the particular program **segment** to the user include:

instructions for identifying the particular program **segment**; and
instructions for ascertaining whether the user is authorized to access the counterpart to the particular program **segment** from the server.